

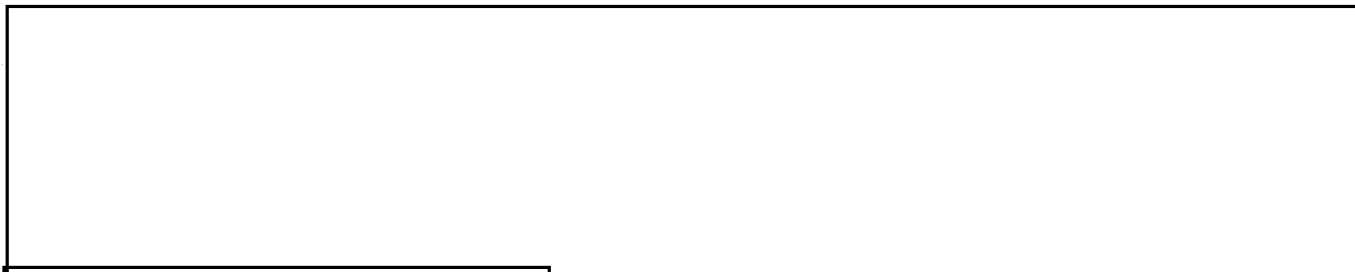
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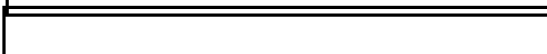
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 Talked to Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, who said yesterday he had explained to Senator Edward Kennedy certain delicate aspects of the Downey and Fecteau cases and urged the Senator to defer his proposed public statement on the subject for the time being. Symmes got the distinct impression that the Senator appreciated the problem and would say nothing at least for the next three or four weeks. However, Symmes said he had just learned that the Senator had issued a public statement proposing a formal U.S. acknowledgement and apology to facilitate the release of the two prisoners.

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